THE HENLEY ROYAL

England's Yearly Aquatic Tournament on the Thames.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE REGATTA

A Two Days' Outing for the Boating Men of Great Britain.

FEATURES OF THE OCCASION



HERE IS NO ATHletic event in this the Henley Royal Regatta, in which the Cornell University Navy has entered a crew this year. It is not merely a national aquatic tournament, but it draws the representative oarsmer from Ireland, France, Germany and Belgium, and occasion-

ally oarsmen from America. This year, besides the Cornell crew, two oarsmen from Toronto will row in the pair-oar race for

For two days the eyes of the boating world of the eastern continent are fixed on the little English village on the Thames where the regatta has been held yearly since 1839, when the Grand Challenge Cup race, in which Cornell will row, was inaugurated. In 1842 was established the Stewards' Challenge Cup for fours, in which Cornell rowed in 1881, and was defeated by the crack fours of the London and Thames rowing clubs. In 1844 the Diamond Challenge Sculls for scullers was first rowed; in 1845 the Ladies' Challenge Plate for eights, and the Silver Goblets for pair-oars; in 1847 the Visitors' Challenge. Cup for college fours, won by the Columbia College crew from New York city in 1878; in 1856 the Wyfold Challenge Cup for fours; in 1868 the Thames Challenge Cup for eights, and in 1879 the Public Schools' Challenge Cup for fours. Challenge Cup for fours.

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Henley is a picturesque village on the Thames, about twenty miles from London, and is reached by railway trains taken at Paddington station. The majestic Thames, as some style it, referring to its appearance nearer its * mouth, is at Henley



A Street in Henley.

shrunken to a size that would hardly dig-nify it with the name of a river in America. It is about as wide as the Eastern branch of the Potomac at the navy yard bridge, and never more than three crews are en-tered in any one contest. As more than tered in any one contest. As more than that number are generally entered in every race each event must be rowed in heats. The first day of the regatta is devoted to rowing the trial heats. On the second day are rowed the finals, and the pwizes are presented to the winners after the last race on the second day. The river is here the dividing line of two counties or shires, Berks and Bucks. The stations count from Berks and Bucks. The stations count from

the dividing line of two counties or shires, Berks and Bucks. The stations count from the Berks shore. Before the regatta the captains of the various crews meet to draw lots for their positions.

To the American oarsman, accustomed to lake courses, or to courses where there is but little difference in the advantage of a particular station, this may seem a matter of little importance, but the Referee, the leading boating authority in England, has frequently complained of the fact that the result of the race depended more upon the drawing from the hat than upon the exertions of the carsmen. It is said that the crew drawing station No. 3 has never won a race. As the crews row up stream, and there is a sharp bend in the course, the current on the outside, or No. 3 course, is so much stronger than on the inside states. so much stronger than on the inside sta-tion that it has been estimated to be equal to the advantage of two boat lengths. With crews evenly matched it would be an im-possibility for the crew rowing on the Bucks station to win

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This has been the disadvantage of the Henley course for years, yet there are so many advantages of delightful surroundings, quiet water, nearness to London, and, consequently, convenience to the whole island, that oarsmen have been content to go to Henley every year in preference to the fairer course at Putney, where the Metropolitan regatta is rowed a couple of weeks later.

As Dickens Saw It.

Readers of "Our Mutual Friend" will be interested in knowing that Dickens located the attempted murder of Eugene Wrayburn at Henley, and his pages graphically describe that beautiful region. The assault occurred on the east, or Berks, side of the river. He was rescued by Lizzie Hexam and taken across to the Red Lion Inn, on

and taken across to the Red Lion inn, on the west, or Bucks, side, just below the stone bridge, and here they were married. The Henley regatta is an amateur tour-nament, and the ruling as to an amateur oarsman is much more strict than in this country. The English definition of an amateur requires that an oarsman shall never have worked as an artisan for sunport, even for a day; he must never have been employed in the construction of boats; he must never have been an instructor in he must never have been an instructor in boating or athletic sports of any character, and he must never have competed with professional oarsmen. The requirement regarding foreign entries is strict. Applications for admission must be filed by foreign crews three months in advance of the date required for entries of English crews. date required for entries of English crews. This is to give the regatta committee time to verify the affidavits made by those desiring to enter that they are in true amateur standing. The rule was adopted in 1878, when it was learned that one of the speedy Showleeaemette four from this country, who had entered the Henley, had worked for a living. The Englishmen were determined that such a slip should not be repeated.

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Of course, the gatherings at Henley are similar to those at the college games and athletic sports in this country—hosts of pretty girls in gay attire, sporting their favorite's colors, as many athletic young men, equally loyal. But there is one marked feature absent from similar American



Above the Finish.

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scenes—the large number of middle-aged and elderly gentlemen. The Englishman does not, as every one knows, give up his fondness for athletics when he leaves college. He can sit in a boat as skillfully at fifty as he could at twenty-five, and he is much in evidence at Henley. The little river is densely packed with trim outriggers, bearing family parties, with pater familias complacently bending his back and feathering his oar, casting self-conscious looks at his neighbors as he defliy threads his way through the apparently inextricable mass of holiday craft. It is the thing to be in a boat at Henley. Of course, the proper thing is to have a houseboat, of which there are many moored along the Bucks shore agas having it. proper thing is to have a houseboat, of which there are many moored along the Bucks shore, each having its one or two rowboats. But if you can't have a houseboat, and of course every one cannot, then have a rowboat. This is what the young man looks forward to for weeks, and has arranged weeks ahead.

Yet there are thousands who cannot secure even a rowboat, or a canoe, or even a

seat on one of the gondolas, which go darting among the throng propelled by a very Venetian-looking gondoler. The wide stretching meadows on the Berks side are filled with strolling thousands and the



reminds an American of a country

scene reminds an American of a country fair. There are all sorts of schemes to catch the penny. You can throw balls at a darkey's head, you can toss rings over a wilderness of canes and if you are not careful may win one. There are strolling merchants with small wares uttering unintelligible cries, this one in particular sticking to the hearer's memory from its frequent iteration: "Penny bake! penny bake." "Penny a bag" is meant and for a penny a small bag of cherries will be given. The prices of fruit are of course much lower than they are in the city.

The meadows descend to the stream abruptly. The bank is about four feet high and is lined with trees and bushes. Here and there it juts a little into the river, giving one a view of the course for a hundred yards or so. The steersman must be wary of hugging the shore too closely or he will run the nose of his craft high and dry. Accommodations for spectators are meager. On the Bucks or Henley side of the river, besides the house boats, is the covered stand where a few hundred highly privileged friends of the regatta committee are seated. The end of the course is just opposite to them. A short distance above is the stone bridge, which is pre-empted early in the day, giving barely room to cross. It commands an excellent view of the finish. But no one wants to remain in one place for eight mortal hours, and that one must do to keep his position on the bridge. It would tire the fortitude of Horatius. The people generally roam about during the half hour between the heats during the half hour between the heats and when the warning gun down at the beginning of the course is fired they hasten to the river bank for a minute's view of the struggling oarsmen and shout encouraging ories.

couraging cries.

The first heat is started at noon exactly, The first heat is started at noon exactly, the last at 8 p.m., during the interval every half hour. The whole thing goes like clockwork. If a crew is not in position at the time fixed for the start it loses its chance, and its patrons speedily find out who is to blame. As soon as a heat is rowed the contestants for the next go down to the start. Each boat has a particular color, which is carried in the bow. Frequently the blades of the oars are painted the same color, which allows a crew to be distinguishable at a considerable distance.

Above the Bridge.

While the greater part of the multitude s disposed throughout the meadows, in the houseboats, the steward's stand, or in the rowboats on the river, the intimate friends of the carsmen, or those having wagers on the events, will be found at the boat houses above the bridge, where the crews keep their shells. Here the last directions of the coach and captain are given, here the last inquiries as to the condition of the men will be made by their anxious patrors. The captain keeps con-sulting his watch, notes the direction and strength of the breeze, and makes what mental memoranda he thinks may soon be mental memoranda he thinks may soon be of advantage to him. Suddenly comes a low murmur as of shouts in the distance, it rolls nearer and louder, like an advancing hurricane, and as it ends in a great enthusiastic roar from the thousands just below the bridge, he closes his watch, hands it to the coach, and says to the crew, "Come; time's up!" The heat just before his has been rowed, and now is his turn. The crew push off, and paddle slowly through the arches of the bridge and into the sight of the throng, still cheering the victor. As they are seen a fresh shout breaks out. So short is the victor's triumph!

Oarsmen Doubling Up.

It frequently happens that the same me may row more than once on the same day. For instance, four of the men who row in the grand challenge cup race for eights, may row later in the day in the steward's challenge cup race for fours. The heats are arranged in such a way that this may be done. For instance, the heats for eights are rowed first. Then come the visitors' challenge cup for college fours, then the singles, then pair oars, then tryfold cup fours, then the steward's cup fours, late in the afternoon. The winner of the steward's cup is recognized as the champion amateur four. It may be rowed for by college or non-schlostic crows. The visitors' lege or non-scholastic crews. The visitors cup race is for college fours only, and consequently ranks lower. It was this that Columbia won in 1878, and it was this that Cornell went abroad three years later to win, having defeated Columbia in the meantime, but was not allowed to row for it, the objection being that Cornell was not a college, but a university.

A NEW INDOOR GAME.

Carroll Institute Boys Play Battle

Ball-Athletic Features. The gymnasts of the Carroll Institute have been trying their hands at a new indoor game lately which Prof. Joyce, the instructor in the gymnasium, thinks is one of the best indoor games that has ever been invented. It gives the best of physical exercise without the drawback of roughness. Its name is battle ball, and was arranged by Dr. Sargent, the physical director of Harvard University. It is the first time the game has been tried in this city, but it has met with such success that it will probably not be long before it makes its appearance in other gymnasiums. The game is comparatively simple and requires little in the way of preparation and equip-

ment.
A court is marked off on the gymnasium A court is marked off on the gymnasium floor, fifty by twenty-five feet, and a cross line equi-distant from the two ends is known as the foul line. Seven feet from each end are placed three pairs of bowling pins or Indian clubs in a row, facing each other from the two ends of the court. Five men are usually played on a side, although six or more can play about as well. A round foot ball is used, the same as in basket ball, the object being to throw the ball between the clubs. If the ball goes through the eighteen-inch space it counts 10, and if through the larger spaces, 5, and if it goes over the line it counts 1 for the opposing side. It is a very fast game, and is played in halves of fifteen minutes or more, with a rest of five minutes.

minutes or more, with a rest of five minutes. Preparations are going ahead rapidly for the athletic exhibition at Carroll Institute, which is to come off on the 25th of the month. Among those who are to take part in the different events are the following: Running high jump, Daily, Gallagher, Armstrong, Becker and May; putting the shot, Shea, Eckart, Buckley, Gallagher, Banby and Saul; pole vault, Dailey, Berberick, Becker and Gallagher; standing broad jump, Berberick, Dailey, Quinn and Gallagher; wrestling, 140-pound class, Pearson, Hughes, Mess and Daly; 160-pound class, Gallagher and Eckart. The exhibition part of the program will consist of about twelve numbers.

Who Iss Id?

from the New York Herald. Who has a birt cage on his head?
A bet tig on his hand?
Who years a cot vish down in front
Pefore der bik grant stant?—
Der kedger!

Who gifs der ball von tam big tvist Unt maigs it valse in air. So, ven der padder hits it hard, Der sheebskhin iss nod dere?

Who, ven der padder bangs der ball Unt on his stomach schildes, Omes down on him mit Trilby feet Unt puds him oud pesides? Fuerst baseman!

Who taigs hot liners—kedges fliess— Iss always oud of place? Who plays left fieldt, unt center fieldt, Right fieldt und second base? Der schord sdob!

Who iss id, ven der game iss tie, Tond know vat he'ss apond? Unt ven der home team maigs a hit Teclares "Der striker's oud?"

Who vands ter preag dot umpire's neg Unt kig his lungs off, too? Who neffer pays but kigs unt tells Der players vat ter do?

Bicycling Has Caught On With the Social Leaders.

POPULAR WITH BEAUX AND BELLES

The Coming of the Famous Michaux Club of New York.

TRAVELING IN STYLE

One of the most interesting features in the development of bicycling is the way the wheel has caught on in what chear nevels love to refer to as "high life." Tim was when to be swell one had to ride a horse, but now the noble animal has had to give way in favor of the pneumatic tire. In all the eastern cities of the land pedaling is more than popular with those who know what's what, and Washington is not one whit behind the procession in this

Every afternoon one may see along the suburban roads the figures of men and women whose names are familiar in the society columns during the social season, and they seem to have taken hold of the sport as though it were something novel, and had never been given a fair trial until they took it up. Among the most enthusiastic wheelmen are the representatives of several of the foreign legations, but it is not

wheelmen are the representatives of several of the foreign legations, but it is not confined to them, by any means. Lots of young ladies have gone in for wheeling with a vim, and, while as yet they are not frequenting the main thoroughfares by daylight, it is not at all an uncommon thing to see merry parties of them skimming lightly along the country roads. Chaperons are not hard to get when they are required, for interest in the sport is taken by some of the matrons of society as well as by the maids.

The Metropolitan Club, the essence of all that is proper in social affairs, has in its membership a number of mer, who are getting quite expert on the bloycle. It is said that in the club there are already between twenty-five and thirty who have gone in for the sport, and find it a very profitable investment. There has been some talk of organizing a bicycle club among the Metropolitan Club men, but, as often happens in club matters, most of this talk is being done outside of the club, and so far the riders have confined themselves to making up little parties for short rides into the country.

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The coming of the wheel into society has had the effect of reviving an interest in the question of a proper costume for bicycling, and now that society people are interested to such an extent it may be that the question will be solved before long. Of late a number of men have come out in regula number of men have come out in regular English knickerbockers, with heavy plaid stockings, turned over at the top, and fastened just below the knee. It is, perhaps, the most comfortable and at the same time attractive costume that can be adopted, especially when worn with a dark colored sweater, and easy-fitting tweed ccat. The first of these that were seen on the streets attracted some little attention, but that is all over with now, and a man n ay wear this most sensible arrangement without feeling himself in the slightest degree conspicuous.

It is a curious fact that we Americans, who think ourselves so independent in all matters, are so really conservative in matters of dress that when men and women get themselves up in suitable attire for atheres.

get themselves up in suitable attire for ath get themselves up in suitable attire for athletic work they are likely to attract unpicasant attention. A man may ride a bicycle when he is dressed in a silk hat, an overcoat, open to the breeze, a long frock cat and flapping trousers, and no one thinks it at all out of place; while to be suitably dressed for bicycling, golf or other out-door sports is to make one's self, to a certain extent a noticeable forms.

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This is even more true in the case of women and while it is not at all uncommon to see fair cyclers, clad in bloomers or knee skirts and gaiters, riding in the Bois de Boulogne in Paris, there are not many women who have the moral courage to try it on Pennsylvania avenue in broad daylight.

In fact, in some of our powincial towns In fact, in some of our provincial towns the wearing of bloomers has been forbid-

The Michaux Club.

Society's interest in bicycling may receive quite an impetus from the coming of the Michaux Bicycle Club, a number of whose members are now en route to Washingon The Michaux is the swell organization in Newport. It is representative of New York's four hundred, and is as proposed New York, which has also a branch at York's four hundred, and is as proper as proper can be. A party of Michauxites started from New York on Tuesday, coming down through New Jersey on the old coach road, which leads from New York to Phila-

road, which leads from New York to Philadelphia, through New Brunswick, Princeton and Trenton.

Their itinerary, if followed out, should bring them to Baltimore this evening, whence they will come on through Ellicott City, Sandy Spring, Brightwood and down City, Sandy Spring, Brightwood and down the 7th street road. It is possible that some of the members of the Metropolitan Club will ride out to meet them and escort them into the city. They have been given similar treatment by other fashionatle clubs at Philadelphia and other cities on the way. Each rider carries with him on his blcycle a change of underwear, a rubber cape and cap, a pair of leggings, a lantern and all necessary material for repairing his wheel or tire.

pairing his wheel or tire. Sending the Luggage Ahead.

Every detail which can contribute to the comfort of the party has been arranged. Trunks are expressed by each rider, with all necessary change of clothes, etc., the first day to the Princeton Inn, and thence each day to the next stopping place, and one or two valets have been sent ahead-to take care of the luggage and prepare the rooms engaged beforehand by the party.

This tour was originally set for last autumn. It was proposed at Newport last summer by Mr. J. Van Alen, who is now in Rome, but was abandoned in consequence of Mr. Van Alen being obliged to leave for Europe earlier than he had intended. Already the suggestion of the trip has inready the suggestion of the trip has in-spired several feminine members of the Michaux to plan a shorter tour through the Michaux to plan a snorter four through the country later in the spring. One party of ladies and gentlemen has already been formed which proposes to ride from Port Jervis to the Delaware Water Gap some time in May, taking three days for the forty-five miles, and stopping over night at Milford and Bushkill.

THE W. A. C. BENEFIT.

A Very Spirited Athletic and Gymnas tie Exhibition.

benefit performance given at the club house of the Washington Athletic Club last evening was a great success in sum to the treasury of the club. A pleasant feature of the evening was the preserce of Prof. Crossley and an athletic team from the Columbia Athletic Club, who volunteered their services for the occasion. After the entertainment the C. A. C. gymnasts were entertained by President Richards and the other officers of the East

ards and the other officers of the East Washington Athletic Club.

The program included among other features exercises on the horizontal and parallel bars by Ross, Sewell, Allen, Harmon, Craig, Shelley and Prof. Crossley of the C. A. C.'s. There was an interesting sparring bcut between Dr. von Lindgren and Prof. Carter, but, as it was an exhibition only, no decision was rendered. Hough, Elder, McEllone, Dudley and Craig of the C. A. C. took part in the high kick, Hough and Dudley going to eight feet eight inches. C. took part in the high kick, Hough and Dudley going to eight feet eight inches. Bobby Elder gave an exhibition of fancy kicking. In the high jump Hough cleared five feet eight inches. In the pole vault Dudley and Emmons each cleared nine feet eight inches. Sewell, Ross and Prof. Crossley gave-an acrobatic feat, which was followed by the Roman ladders by Thomas, Nolan, Mainstay and ten others. Lyons and O'Nell of the W.A. C. gave a spirited three-round contest with the gloves, which was declared a draw, as was also a wrestling bout between E. Schafhirt, W. L. I., and Akers of the W. A. C. Shackleford and Graham of the Burnt Cork Club gave a number of new tricks in their contortion work.

Total Prof. Wah Jim, Wernberg and St. Michael. W

SOCIETY ON WHEELS BEHING THE NETS A BATTING STREAK

Active Preparations for the Tennis Season in This City.

What is Going on in the Clubs Where Those Fond of the Game

Contrary to the dismal prognostications of the past year or so, tennis appears to be on the upward slope and not on the wane, at least here in Washington, Last Friday evening the members of the Bachelors' Club got together for its annual meeting and elected the following officers: President, Ormsby McCammon; vice president, John C. Davidson; secretary and treasurer, Horace H. Wescott, and members of the poard of governors, John C. Clay, H. B. Needham and W. L. McPherson, and the officers ex-officio. The courts have had laborers at work on them all this week, and this year all five courts will be in thorough condition instead of three, as formerly. The club house, fences and other minor details have been looked to, and on Monday next regular practice will

So far two tournaments have been provided for by this club, the first of which will take place in about two weeks, and will be opened to club members only. Between the 20th and 31st of May the District the transfer of the second of the seco trict tournament, open to all comers in Washington, will take place, and this is expected to develop some cracks, who may run up against some of the big men later

on.

This year the annual tournament of the Southern Lawn Tennis Association will be held on the courts of the Catonsville Ceuntry Club, a few miles out of Baltimore. From present expectations this contest will bring together more competitors than usual, and this is especially the case in regard to the local men. Washington will probably be represented by Davidson, Clay and Goodfellow of the Bachelors, and Geoghegan and Shields of the Orient Athletic Club.

The principal interest will center in the contest over the bowl presented by the contest over the bowl presented by the Bachelors, which J. Gordon Parker of New York won at the meet in this city last

clay and Goodfellow are constantly improving their game. Goodfellow has only one fault. He does not, as a usual thing, go to the trouble to get himself in the best of form Parker will not howbest of form. Parker will not, how-ever, be the principal antagonist, as sev-eral Princeton College men, resident Bal-timoreans, are likely to enter, as will also A. H. S. Post, Pennington, Piper, the Johns Hopkins crack, and several other well-

Work of Preparation.

Capitol Hill has been always known as one of the homes of tennis ever since the game became generally played in this city, and its trio of cracks. Frank Geoghegan John Shields and Henry P. Blair, are known not only to the lovers of the game in this city, but in other places where they have taken more than one prize. Geoghegan is the star of the set, and is considered one of the best players in Washington. This year, however, his fellow members of the Orient Athletic Club consider that he has excellent chances to become the champion of the city, and this opinion is concurred in by many well-known authorities in this city on the game. Instructor Simris of the Y. M. C. A. makes the announcement that he will have both the men and grounds to compete in tennis tournaments this year. Work will begin next week at Association Park, and by the first of May it is expected that the net will be up. the courts lined and the players at work. At present no definite plans have been made as to the holding of a tournament, but this will probably take known not only to the lovers of the game

players at work. At present no definite plans have been made as to the holding of a tournament, but this will probably take place in the Aarly, summer. Leupp is a good all-round player, and is the Christian Association's mainstay.

Instructor Jölm Crossley of the C. A. C. is getting Columbia field down in fine shape, and he hasn't forgotten to put some touches to the tennis courts. While the wearers of the winged arrow do not give much time to tennis, still they have some of the best players in the city on their, rolls. Charley Clark is their representative in this line of sport, and a better one it would be hard to find. Clark is a veteran at the game, and, while not the equal of Geoghegan or Davidson, he always pushes both of them close and plays a hard, steady game both at the facility for hanging on like a crab, and for that reason is a dangerous antagonist. Others of the C. A. C.'s men are Butterworth, Shields and Weils, but they are hardly ever seen on the C. A. C. court. One reason for this is that until the last year the club has had no available grounds, but now that it possesses several fine courts it is expected that several promising

courts it is expected that several promising men will be developed. At a recent meeting of the tennis en-thusiasts of the Young Men's Catholic Club thusiasts of the Young Men's Catholic Club
the following officers for this year were
elected: Charles J. Bogan, captain, and A.
J. Schwartz, secretary and treasurer. The
membership of the tennis club is limited
to twelve members of the club at large,
but as there are only a few vacancies in
the membership at present it is expected
that these will be filled before the playing
season begins. The court is in tip-top condition, and the members expect to do some
good playing this year. Rev. Mr. Scott of
Gonzaga College, a crack player, has been
elected an honorary member.

THE DEFENDER'S RIG.

Dimensions of the Mast, Spars and Sails.

A Boston paper publishes the exact dimensions of the mast, spars and sails of the Defender. Mr. Iselin was in Boston yesterday and gave Wilson the order for an entire suit of sails, the dimensions of which are as follows: Mainsail, 6,500 square feet; topsail, 1,325 square feet; two square feet; topsail, 1,325 square feet; two jibs, 2,300 square feet; club topsail, 1,848 square feet; spinnaker, 7,128 square feet. The dimensions of the balloon sail are not given because they have not been deter-mined upon. These figures are right as far as has been determined upon. The foresail is included in the figures for the

foresall is included in the figures for the two jibs.

All the sails except the spinnaker and the jibs will be made of the best American cotton duck. The spinnaker and the jibs will not be made of cotton, but what the material is Mr. Wilson would not say. The suit will not be ready until the first week in July.

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The mast-log has not been touched, only being marked off in chalk every few feet and the lines for shaving being shown. The boom is nearly finished. It will be ready for shipment from Boston any day ready for shipment from Boston any day together. ready for shipment from Boston any day now, but it is said all will go together some time next week. They will be load-ed on flat cars for the Bristol works. The mast will be just 102 feet long, when fin-ished, 20 inches in diameter at the foot and 20½ inches at the top. The mast will be buried just nine feet, which shows the depth of the hull of the Defender. The lirst thing to claim attention is the long

be buried just nine feet, which shows the depth of the hull of the Defender. The first thing to claim attention is the long boom and a prettier spar was never turned out anywhere. It is just 102 feet long, the same length as the mast, and is beautifully proportioned. It is 15½ inches in diameter at the thickest point and gracefully tapers at each end. There is not a flaw anywhere, It is not hollowed, nor are any of the spars.

The spinnaker pole will be smoothed in a few days and will be the third spar to be finished. The powsprit is being shellacked. The spinnaker is 72 feet long, and 9½ inches thick in the middle. The bowsprit is 44 feet long and 12½ inches in diameter at the foot. The gaff will be 64 feet long and 13 inches thick, unusually strong and stiff. The topsail yard will be 57 feet long and 8½ inches thick. The club topsail pole will be 51 feet long and 8 3-4 inches thick.

And last of all, the topmast will be 61½ feet long and 10 3-8 inches thick.

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The stable of Jimmy McLaughlin was much in evidence at the St. Asaph track vesterday, three of his horses finishing in front, Wah Jim, Wernberg and St. Michael. Wernberg took the Blue Ridge stakes, run-

It Enabled the Bostons to Defeat the Washingtons.

OVER 15,000 PERSONS AT THE GAME

Auspicious Inauguration of the Sea-

son at Boston. NOTES OF THE PLAYERS

Not one person in twenty expected the Washingtons to defeat the Boston ball nine yesterday, consequently their defeat by 11 to 6 was no surprise. The Bostons class the local team at all noints, and as parison. An attempt has been made to

saddle the blame for defeat upon Joyce, but the score shows that while Joyce gave a lift by a poor throw, he scored a run, and nade two two-baggers, besides getting first on halls. This is a better record than Nash's. who is the best third baseman in the business. "Parson" Nicholson, the new shortstop, accepted nine out of ten chances,
made a hit and scored a run. His debut
was in every way creditable. Crooks, who
covered second, played in his old '91 form,
which '85 right up in class A. He accepted
all his six chances, made a double, participated in a double play and scored a run.
Early last summer the Washington management was advised to secure Crooks to
replace Frank Ward, who, although strong
at the bat, was not fielding his position as it
should be. The suggestion was ignored.
Its wisdom has since been seen, and Jack
will hold the keystone position on the team.
Whether Nicholson is a better man than
Joe Sullivan remains to be seen. Joe was
strong at the bat, but unreliable on ground
hits. The team otherwise is the same as ness. "Parson" Nicholson, the new shorthits. The team otherwise is the same as last year. For this reason better work is expected of it.

Over 15.000 saw vesterday's Boston game The Senators gave Stocksdale excellent support, but lost the game in the seventh, when four doubles and a single gave Boston seven runs. The score:

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Earned runs—Boston, 6; Washington, 4. Two-base hits—Stivetts, Collins (2), Long, Nash, McCarthy, Joyce (2), Cartwright (3), Crooks, Stocksdale, Selbach. Home runs—Long, Abbey. Double plays—Nicholson; Crooks to Cartwright. First base on balls—Tucker, Lowe, Selbach, Joyce, Stocksdale. Struck out—Abbey. Time—2.05. Umpire—Koefe

Pittsburg Won This. Pittsburg had no trouble in defeating the ouisville team yesterday. Knell pitched the first three innings, and Pittsburg took so kindly to his curves that Luby was substituted. The ex-Chicagoan kept the hits stituted. The ex-Chicagoan kept the hits pretty well scattered, but the game was already lost, as the home team could not bunch its hits. Hatfield was hit on the arm by one of Hawley's swift inshoots and had to retire from the game, Glasscock taking his place. Shugart's throw from deep center, catching Stenzel at the plate, was a fine play. Score:

Pitchers. R H E
Louisville. Knell-Luby. 1 9 10 4

Pittsburg......Hawley...... 9 10 The League Record.

Base Ball Notes.

Boston will release Pitcher Hodson, leaving Stivetts, Nichols, Dolan, Wilson and Sullivan to do the pitching. Wilson is the young man who was claimed by Cleveland. He has not loomed up promi nently as vet.

A close friend of Fred Pfeffer said that he knew beyond a reasonable doubt that Fred would not play more than a dozen games with the Louisville Club, and that he would then go with the Chicagos.

Roger Connor's batting average during the southern trip of the St. Louis Club was about .450.

Charles Radbourne, the noted ball player and pitcher of the Bostons, where he received the nickname of "Old Hoss," is lying in quite a critical condition at his home, in Bloomington, Ill., his ailment being witch consumption.

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Harry Wright, who saw some of the league teams practice during the southern trip, does not think the Washingtons are materially stronger than last year, but speaks highly of the condition of the Bostons. Coogan is considerably below last year's form. He lacks the confidence and dash resultant therefrom that marked his work last year.

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When asked to give his opinion of the probable standing of the different clubs, Capt. Griffin of Brooklyn said: "All of the eastern clubs except Washington have a chance for the flag."

Manager Davis says that he would probably sign Schriver to catch Rusie regularly, with Farrell and Meekin, German and Wilson paired.

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stafford of New York says: "I can play second base to the satisfaction of everybody, but I want the patrons of the game to be fair with me. Of course, I am liable to make errors, like any player, but I don't want to be censured too quickly."

Morgan Murphy has had a lame arm. He got it in a queer way. One branch of the Reds' training exercise this season is a punching ball used by puglists. He took a hard punch at it, but his aim was wild and he scored a bad miss. The force of the blew made him overthrow himself, and he wrenched his arm badly.

Curt Welsh has been signed by the Syracuse, N. Y., team.

In the New York game on Thursday Farrell lined one to short right field for an apparently safe hit. In dashed Treadway, the Brooklyn right fielder, with outstretched hands, and just as the ball was about to strike the ground he scooped it cleverly

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Joe Mulvey tells a funny story about Mr. Schmelz, manager of the Washington Club. He says that Schmelz called his players together recently and said: "Now, boys, you must play ball and listen to what I tell you. If you do not I will take your money away, and take it in chunks, too. So don't fool with me too much!" And the players have all purchased ear trumpets.—
Exchange. Exchange.

Ward will be greatly missed by the New Yorks, both for his generalship and his

work at second.

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Con Dailey of Brooklyn, in speaking of the Washington Club, sayss "It may sound odd, but it's true all the same, that Gus Schmelz believes the Washingtons will fin-ish one, two, three." Brooklyn's captain, Griffin, expresses his Brooklyn's captain, Grimn, expresses his belief that all the eastern clubs, with the exception of Washington, have been strengthened at points.

New York is slated by the majority of the enthusiasts for fourth place.

Reitz rarely makes a kick, and when he does it is safe betting that he is in the right.—Baltimore American.

Viewed from the back the Orioles' new cans resemble berettas.

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Ed Crane, the old New York twirler, has signed with Toronto.
The New York Club issued more than 2,600 invitations for the opening game.
Chicago is the only town on the circuit that has not signed a new pitcher this A man was crushed to death and another

had his leg broken in the crowd trying to get into the Cincinnati ball park Thursday.
With Captain Joyce and his men in hearty sympathy, the local team, it is generally believed, would do well.
Last year a determined effort was made

to drive Joyce out of the local team. This Joyce resented, and considerable ill-feeling resulted between him and the manager. Base ball patrons, generally, hope that Joyce will be allowed to captain the team unhampered.

The Chicago correspondent of the Sporting Life thinks the Brooklyns the best made-up team of any in the league, being especially strong in pitchers. Yet there are many who confess their astonishment at Brooklyn's defeating New York.

Because the Pittsburgs were able to pound Knell yesterday at Louisville, the reports say that the Pirates played far differently from what they did the day before. It makes all the difference whether a nine can hit a pitcher.

VALE IN POOR CONDITION

The Easter Trip of the Nine Was Severe Strain on the Players.

As a result of the spring trip of the Yale condition. Carter's arm has given out and frudeau's arm is also in poor condition. They will be given a complete rest for a while and special attention will be paid to the freshmen pitchers. Quimby is badly used up and Redington appears overtrain-ed. The rest of the men are in rather poor

ed. The rest of the men are in rather poor shape.

The trip, while disappointing in regard to victories, has given the men good, stim work and shown up the weak points. Capt. Rustin will play shortstop until Quimby recovers and Carter may continue to play in the outfield. The next game will be with Williams at the field on Saturday.

NEW SET OF RULES

To Govern the Departmental Base

Ball League. The constitution and by-laws which i to govern the Departmental League for the season of 1895 has been officially promulgated, and contains a number of changes from that of last year. The most important of the clauses are: The officers of the league shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, custodian chief of staff of umpires and an executive committee, consisting of three members to be appointed by the president.

The membership of the league shall consist of not less than eight nor more than

ten clubs. No player not a bona fide employe of-No player not a bona nue employe of the department or a bureau thereof repre-sented by his club shall be permitted under any circumstances to take part in any championship game, and any game in which this provision is violated shall be

forfeited.

Any bureau represented in the league is allowed to reserve fifteen players who are bona fide employes of the bureau before the department proper is permitted to draw upon it for players.

All the games in the series are to be played under the National League rules.

Ladies are to be admitted free to all games.

The V. M. C. A. Nine.

Already preparations are being made to get together a base ball team in the Y. M. C. A., and the candidates are practicing daily in the gymnasium. They are as follows: For pitchers, Bartlett and Verts, and outfield and infield, Lematt, Franz, Brown, Johnson, Sugg, Hamersly, Pinney, Buell, Willemith and Prof. Simms himself. Willemith and Prof. Simms himself. Simms will cover shortstop, and a better could not be found. Games are being arranged among the local amateur ball nines, and while, of course, it is too early to prophesy what the new material will do, still a good game can be promised from the recruits. On the 29th of this month an exhibition will be given for the benefit of the athletic fund, and a fine program is being prepared.

BOATING ON THE POTOMAC. Cossin of the Bent Houses and Pros pects of the Season.

The boatining men on the Potomac are beginning to grumble more than a little over the lateness of the season. In years gone by the various clubs have found that they have accomplished a good deal in the way of getting ready for the summer's work by the latter part of April, but this year the score is pretty near a blank. The Columbias and the Potomacs have neither had a boat on the river as yet, and for the last few days the Analostans have let up on their work of preparation for the contest with the Annapolis boys, which was set for May 11.

But, unfortunately, all the plans for the Annapolis-Analostan race have been de-clared off, owing to the inability of the local club to get up an eight which would represent them in a proper manner. This the race was arousing a good deal of in-terest in local circles and would have in-augurated the season in good style. For some time past the Analostans have had two fours out on the river, putting in some good work, and before long they were to have gone into an eight for further prac-

tice.

The crew has been heavily handicapped, The crew has been heavily handicapped, however, by the loss of two of the best men in the boat, one of whom, R. C. Howard, is suffering from a severe injury to his hip, which may prevent him from rowing to any extent this summer. Then, too, several of the men are in local law schools, and they found themselves with examinations on their hands just about the time set for the race, and their chief interest naturally centers in their success in the intellectual game. So, taking one consideration with another, it has been deemed best to throw over the race altogether.

A proposition was made to the middles this week to make it a four-oared instead of an eight-oared race. The Analostans of an eight-oared race. The Analostans could still have put a first-class four on the water, but the middles did not see it in the same light, so there will be no meeting between the two this season.

Conceing is Dead.

Interest in canoeing seems to have died out almost altogether during the last few years. The old canoe club was absorbed nto the Analostans several years ago, and the boat club took in the floating boat house which the canoeists had been using as a home, and for a time it was hoped that canoeing had come to stay, and would be one of the popular and standby sports This has not been the case, and the present season opens with only one or two men on the Potomac owning their own canoes. The Analostans still have the big war The Analostans still have the big war canoe, which used to be a familiar sight on the river, but this will probably be used this season by the members of the club solely for pleasure outlings on the river. There may be a revival of interest in canoeing, but there are no signs of it as yet.

There is some talk of holding the regatta this summer at an earlier date than usual, and some of the most active boating men would be pleased if it could come off some time during the latter part of July, instead of a month later. They argue that it is difficult to have men in the best condition on the latter date, and that it is cruel to keep crews in training through the worst of the summer.

It is still a little early to talk about boating, but there is no doubt that boating for the contents of the summer. It is still a little early to talk about boating, but there is no doubt that boating for pleasure will be a strong feature on the river this summer. A number of new pleasure boats are being bulkt, and the probabilities are that the water will be gay with small craft on warm evenings, when it is pleasanter to be cut on the river than cooped up in the hot town.

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